DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on a Water Quality Improvement Plan for following benthic impaired streams - 2.36 miles of Ash Camp Creek and 7.25 miles of Twittys Creek. The impaired stream segments are located in the south central region of Virginia in Charlotte County. The impaired water bodies are tributaries to the Roanoke Creek in the Roanoke River Basin.

TMDLs of impaired segments of the Ash Camp Creek and Twittys Creek were approved by EPA on April 26, 2004 and on September 30, 2004, respectively. Approved reports can be found on DEQ's websites at:

http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/roankrvr/accbc.pdf

http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/roankrvr/twittybc.pdf

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality standards. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The second public meeting for the development of the IP will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Charlotte County Board of Supervisor room in the Charlotte County Administration Office Building located at 250 LeGrande Ave, Suite A, Charlotte Courthouse, VA 23923. If County schools are closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20th, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The IP addresses corrective actions and incentives to reduce sediment loadings from agricultural land (pasture), transitional and urban/commercial lands.

The public comment period will end on February 12, 2010. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Dr. Ram Gupta, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 101 North 14th St., 11th Floor, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219, email address: ram.gupta@dcr.virginia.gov, phone # (804) 371-0991.